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Sir:

We filed the above application with the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 30, 2003.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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